

WEATHER FACTS.

SPRINGFIELD, O.,
May 29, 1888.

SECOND EDITION.
4.15 P. M.

GEN. PHIL. SHERIDAN.

The Great Cavalry Leader Had a Quiet, Restful Night, and is Better This Afternoon.

Oxygen is What is Helping Him—He Talks With His Friends—Symptoms Are Entirely More Favorable—High Water, Loss of Life and Grogg.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The following bulletin was issued at 1 o'clock: A consultation was held at 9:30 a. m. General Sheridan passed a quiet night, sleeping most of the time. He awoke for a few moments at intervals of about half an hour, recognizing and conversing rationally, with those in the room. Respiration and pulse remain good. On the whole his condition, as noted in last evening's bulletin, continues, with even a slight improvement.

Colonel Blunt said this morning: The general slept well during the night. He now appears much refreshed. His sleep was natural and restful and not caused by narcotics of any kind. His respiration is also easier and more natural and there was no occasion to resort to oxygen treatment at all. This compressed oxygen gas has worked wonders in this case, and the general's remarkable rally from his severe sinking spell of yesterday morning, is attributed by many of us to this agency. One of the prettiest sights of the morning was when the general's three daughters stopped in the midst of play on the beautiful lawn surrounding the house, and gathered some flowers to be sent to their father.

At 11:45 a. m. it was reported from the sick chamber that the favorable condition indicated in the morning bulletin had been fully maintained; indeed, not an unfavorable symptom or condition has appeared since the change for the better. The general sleeps at intervals without artificial aid. Not a trace of the recurrence of oedema has, so far, made its appearance, and all things considered, the general is confidently believed by his attending physicians, to be really better.

The following bulletin was issued at 1 p. m.: Since this morning's bulletin, whatever change has taken place in General Sheridan's condition, is for the better.

Death of a Prominent Old Fellow.

Special to the Republic:
URBANA, O., May 29.—John R. McGrover, aged 70 years, and one of Urbana's leading citizens, died this morning. Deceased was for many years a prominent merchant. He was the last surviving charter member of Urbana lodge, I. O. O. F., founded in 1847, prior to which time he belonged to Mad River lodge, of Springfield.

High Water at Sioux City.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, May 29.—The Missouri river since yesterday morning has cut 150 feet into the shore on the Nebraska side, opposite the city, cutting so rapidly that buildings are being moved. If the cutting keeps up at the same rate the entire town of Covington will be swept away in a few days.

Crops Not Damaged.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 29.—Though the rains throughout the northwest lately have been severe, culminating yesterday in a general down-pour, advice indicates that the crops have not been in the least injured.

Wind Storm at Cedar Junction, O.

CADIZ JUNCTION, O., May 29.—A severe wind and rain storm last evening damaged churches and dwellings extensively. No lives were lost.

Drowned.

OMAHA, Neb., May 29.—Two children, a son and daughter of Hugh Beckwith, fourteen miles southeast of Beatrice, were drowned during a heavy rain Sunday night.

Under Water.

TUSCOLO, Ill., May 29.—Floods of rain have fallen for over six hours and thousands of acres of growing corn are under water.

THE SERVICES DISTURBED.

A Ball of Fire Swept Through the Church.

The storm clouds that were flying low Sunday morning over the village of Fairfield, were charged with electricity, and there, as here startled the people and livestock. A cloud burst over the village, and a ball of fire swept through the Reformed church in which the convention of Miami Classis was being held. At that instant Rev. H. M. Herman, of Mansfield, was announcing his text, but the visitation lightning started and frightened the congregation.

The fire ball shot through the church without doing damage, and alighting directly across the street, knocked a hole through a chimney on the parsonage occupied by Rev. Shultz, and turning down into the building, set the roof on fire. A woman, Mrs. Sawyer, who had been struck by lightning about a year ago, was in the church, and when she saw this fire ball she was so frightened that she fainted and was carried from the building. The parsonage was saved from burning by men who ran from the church.

THE WEEK OF DRAMA.

A Magnificent Entertainment and Large Audience Last Night.

The famous Baldwin-Melville dramatic company opened a week's engagement at Blacky's opera house last night to a packed house—over 400 turned away. The performance of "Galley Slave" was simply perfect. In the fourth act the principal performers were called before the curtain, a compliment rarely extended to any company by a Springfield audience.

Tonight, "The Two Orphans," which had a solid week's run at Cincinnati last week, and you may expect a first-class performance from the immense audience. She certainly is the coming star in emotional plays.

Chicago was never so full of opera-mad dancers as now.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Walk Up to the Captain's Desk and Settle—So Says the Court.

The following decision, rendered by Judge Pugh, of Columbus, yesterday, is not only of interest in that county, but in every county in the state as well, where such practices are followed:

"The suit decided was one brought by the county treasurer to collect \$2,022.73 in taxes assessed by the city board of equalization on the total tax return charged to Walter A. Mahony, the real estate man. The particulars of the case are substantially as follows: In July, 1886, when the city board of equalization was in session, it found that \$70,395 of uncollected mortgages stood in the name of Mr. Mahony at the county recorder's office. His personal return amounted to \$8,845. The board summoned Mr. Mahony and demanded that he should disclose all facts in reference to the mortgages so they could properly be assessed against the owners of the money. This Mr. Mahony refused to do, and although the information as to the ownership of this particular \$70,395 was repeatedly demanded, he refused to answer, except to say that he personally had no interest in the mortgages. The city board of equalization therefore ordered the county auditor to place the \$70,395 with the personal return of \$8,845, making a total of \$79,240, on which \$2,022.73 was due as taxes. Mr. Mahony offered \$181 as taxes on his own return of \$8,845, but this was refused and the whole amount was used for.

"The case came up before Judge Pugh on the demurrer to the answer filed by the defendant's attorney, Colonel J. T. Holmes. All the allegations in the answer were to the effect that the defendant had no interest in the mortgages and was acting in good faith when he informed the board. The principal point of Judge Pugh's forcible and clear opinion was that the board of equalization, when exercising its powers, as in making inquiries about property not assessed for taxation, and in taking evidence upon that subject, acted judicially; its decisions were judgments, adjudications; that the board could not add property for taxation to the return of a person without some evidence or knowledge of its own the facts; that a court was not authorized to set aside such a decision of the board because the judge disagreed with the board about the force and weight of the evidence, but only had such power when the board acted arbitrarily, without evidence at all, or knowledge of its own; that the court was not a court of errors to review the decisions of the board; that a person who refuses to answer any pertinent inquiry about the ownership of property not assessed and about which the board was proceeding in an inquiry with a view to having it assessed, is liable to be indicted, and, if convicted, can be fined and imprisoned in jail, or both."

NOT "THE" SAME.

Horrible Mistake Made by a Young North-Sider.

A tremendous laugh is going the rounds of the boys about a well-known and recently married young man living on the north side. It has already cost him a mouth and two salaries for cigars, and the end seems to be considerably not yet.

The other evening while dressing to come up town, he opened the "bureau" drawer, which he had customarily kept his clean linen, and found that he was shirtless. He had forgotten to take anything that week to the laundry.

With a note of muttered merriment that sounded strangely on his cheeks, he reached his cuffs and collar, hid his shirt from a capacious pocket, and then made a dive into the clothes press for two shirts to take to the Chinese laundry and have rushed through on short notice.

His wife was impatiently waiting below to start, and he bundled the two garments into a newspaper as quickly as possible and ran down stairs three steps at a time.

They came up north Market street, and as they passed Sam Goo's laundry, the young man said:

"Wait a moment, dear, I want to leave a couple of shirts in here for you to wash."

"Oh—can't I go in with you?" she pleaded; "I want to see how a Chinese laundry looks on the inside."

"Certainly!"—and the next minute they were inside.

The Chinaman unrolled the package, smiled broadly and turning his back unceremoniously toward the young man and addressing himself solely to the lady, said in weak English:

"You give thirteen Tuesday night—forty cents, Cheek?"

"Look here," demanded the young man, angrily, "I have been waiting for you for half an hour, and you are not interested in my shirts."

The Chinaman's smile became wider, and he was grasping driving vestige of expression from his face, and said in a tone like the upper "C" on a parlor organ:

"Skeezee me—looksee—ladsee shirtee—velly plenty!" and he held up two dirty, soiled combinations of lace and exquisite linen. They were "ladsee shirtee" for sure.

As the young couple retreated to the door, the Chinaman followed them out and piped:

"Velly plenty chimnee—velly chimnee."

THE LAGDONA SCHOOL.

Action of the Members of the School Board Last Evening.

Pursuant to announcement, the school board attempted to hold a meeting last night to take the action which the situation made urgent, upon the unsafe condition of the Lagdona school building which Mr. John Gable has pronounced unsafe. After waiting until 9 o'clock and sending the messenger in all possible directions it was found impossible to secure a quorum.

By common consent of the nine members present, however, a step was taken to insure the little scholars as much safety as possible under the unpleasant condition of things. Only two of the rooms are pronounced dangerous to occupy—the two lower rooms, which are occupied by primary grades. The superintendent was instructed to hold only half day sessions in the better of the two rooms, one set of scholars attending in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. This will reduce the danger to a minimum, and will suffice, it is thought, for the three weeks before the school is out. The attendance is not likely to be large, however.

Active Colored Republicans.

Three applications for membership were received by the Young Men's Republican club last night and the attendance was good. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for seating the club room.

Mr. Z. R. Jackson, a member of the club, made an able and eloquent speech on republicanism and the national progress, after which Mr. J. D. Carothers, recited a poem of his own composition.

Funeral of Mr. McCord.

The funeral of Mr. James Pierce McCord, who died Sunday evening, May 27, will take place from the residence of the late Major William Hunt, Thursday, May 31, at 9 o'clock a. m. Services at the house. Interment at Oakdale cemetery, Urbana, Ohio.

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AMONG THE COURTS.

Petition for Transfer—Criminals Sentenced—Other Matters.

In common pleas court this morning Wm. Conklin, Charles H. Pierce, George D. Grant, Martin M. Grant, and O. N. Bartholomew, as trustees of the First Congregational church of this city, filed a petition asking for formal leave to sell the Lagdona avenue chapel, the premises now occupied by the latter.

Judge White again took up the criminal docket this morning. Wm. Cooper, indicted for burglary and larceny—George H. Stuckford's grocery—pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to one year in the Ohio penitentiary.

Thos. Hutchinson pleaded guilty to petty larceny and was fined \$25 and costs and ordered sent to the Dayton work house for ten days.

Pa. Courtney pleaded guilty to assault and battery and was fined \$5 and costs.

Whitelaw Reid in Ohio.

He Visits His Aged Mother and Renews Old Acquaintances.

Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune, is in Ohio, and spent Sunday with his aged mother, at the old home, near Cedarville. He went down to Cincinnati Monday morning, and while the train was stopping at Xenia, he saw from the car window Mr. A. W. Stark, an old gentleman who has supplied many of the good people of this town with milk for years. Editor Reid immediately recognized the old friend of his boyhood, and left the train for a few moments' conversation until the train started again. The friendships of younger days are as lasting with great men as with those of less prominence and fame.

Mr. Reid returned to Cedarville Monday evening, and this morning left for his home in New York.

Chopped His Hand.

A 14-year-old son of Tony Harner, living at the corner of Lagdona avenue and Farlow street, chopped a terrible gash in his left hand yesterday afternoon, while splitting kindling. The thumb was almost severed bodily from the hand, and several arteries were cut, which bled profusely.

THE BANK CLOSED.

The St. Louis Bank Cashier Arrested for Embezzlement and the Examiner at Work on the Books.

The Amount of Shortage Estimated and the Resources of Mr. Rhodes Thought to Be More Than Sufficient to Cover All.

This community was profoundly astonished over the announcement in yesterday evening's papers that Emmet V. Rhodes, cashier of the First National bank of St. Louis, was short in his accounts and had been arrested for embezzlement.

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THE CITY BUILDING.

Opening of Bids for the Structure Above the Foundations—Some Lively Competition.

At noon today (Tuesday) in the presence of the mayor and the usual city officials, City Clerk Shewalter opened the bids, thirty-two in number, for the construction of the new city building, above the foundations. The bids are appended by division of the work. They go before council tonight, but will not be acted on. Great interest was manifested and the clerk's office was thronged with contractors and other interested parties.

BRICK WORK.
Jacob Schneider, \$34,223; John Beaver, \$27,575; A. E. Smith, \$24,158; John Gorman, \$23,933; T. F. Quinn, \$23,500.

CUT STONE.
Russell & Bro., \$32,500.

CARPENTER AND JOINER WORK.
Springfield Planing Mill Co., \$28,547.31; Jas. Johnson, Jr., \$26,250; Ross & Hullinger, \$24,108; John Rosner & Co., Dayton, \$23,225.

WROUGHT AND CAST IRON.
McHale & Lyon, Dayton, \$3,500; Ware & Moody, \$3,500.

GALVANIZED IRON AND COPPER WORK.
G. W. & E. C. Bevinger, \$500; C. W. Hucker, \$570; Humphries & Raymond, \$235; E. Dietel, \$240; Stephenson, \$250; T. B. Post & Co., \$275; George Honok & Co., \$500; Blackwell & Mullens, \$615.

SLATING.
G. W. & E. C. Bevinger, \$3,800; Ross & Hullinger, \$2,491; Blackwell & Mullens, \$2,794; D. H. Ackerson & Son, \$3,795.15; T. C. & E. H. Ackerson, \$3,746.40.

PAINTING AND GLAZING.
C. A. Davis & Sons, \$5,254.80; J. T. Ridgely, \$4,902.85; Cyrus Albin & Son, \$6,766.25.

STAIR CASES.
Minahan & Funk, \$34,023.17; Ross & Hullinger, \$29,504.56; John Rosner & Co., \$105,308; Dorenbach & Becker, Sandusky, \$104,500. [The latter firm also bid on each part of the work separately, but conditioned their bid all or none.] Charles Winchell, Dayton, sent in a combined bid on galvanized iron and copper work, tin work and slating, \$6,348, not on the regular form. Fish & Crist had a bid on cast-iron, which was unsigned, and could not be recognized. It was for \$3,800, but was evidently intended for \$38,000.

DECORATION DAY.

Arrangements Completed and the Day will be Appropriately Observed.

There was a meeting of the general committee of arrangements for Decoration Day at the city office last night. The sub-committee reported everything arranged for the day's ceremonies. The programme as published in the REPUBLIC of Saturday, remains unchanged, with possibly one or two changes in the musical part.

General Hunt, the orator of the day, will arrive from Columbus at 10:30 a. m. by way of the L. & W., and will be entertained at the Arcade.

There will be a very general suspension of business during the hours of the exercises in the afternoon. The weather bureau promises fair weather, and the day looked more beautiful, the interest never was more general and the day will be observed in this city in a more fitting manner than for many years.

K. of P. exercises will be held at the 4th Reg. U. S. K. of P. will observe Memorial Day in both Springfield and Dayton tomorrow. In the forenoon the local divisions which are members of the 4th regiment will go to Dayton and participate in an interesting and impressive programme there. In the afternoon the Springfield divisions will return, accompanied by the Dayton divisions and all will join in the following programme of exercises at Fenwick cemetery:

Song—Scripture reading and prayer—Sir Knight J. Daniel Kier, Past Grand of Ohio.

Song—Oration—Sir Knight O. R. Brown, Past Grand of Ohio.

Short prayer—Sir Knight J. Daniel Kier, Past Grand of Ohio.

Planting flowers on the graves of Sir Knights and their families.

The names of the members of the quartette are as follows: Brother Leo Hooper, Brother Leo Haer, Mr. Morris Ellsworth and Mr. Charles Lewis.

The K. of P. exercises will be carefully timed so as to conflict in no possible detail with the G. A. R. observance, which will be in progress in the forenoon.

THE GIRLS WILL MARCH.
The girls of the public schools have expressed a desire to join in the parade and ceremonies of Decoration Day, and if the weather is pleasant they will be given a place in the procession, under the direct charge of Superintendent Taylor. The young girls seemed to think that they had been slighted since the boys had been invited to take part, and they had not. The old soldiers are always not only glad but anxious to have the ladies take an interest in the affairs of the G. A. R., and consequently the school girls are enquired to a place in the procession.

They are requested to report at 1:30 sharp at the corner of Limestone and Columbus to Superintendent Taylor, who will have them in charge.

Street cars will run tomorrow from East street, Limestone street and Lagdona street to the cemetery. They will be let-tered to that effect.

The post office will be closed on Memorial Day after 12 m.

Carriers will make the two morning deliveries only. F. M. HAGAN, P. M.

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